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#### **BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS –

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** 

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, January 6, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building

**Second Floor Conference Room B** 

Dover, Delaware

MINUTES APPROVED: 04/21/2014

# **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Florienda Scott-Cobb, Professional Member, Presiding Lisa Allison, Office of Management and Budget Sandra Bisgood, Public Member Leslie Boyd, DSCYF Simone Marie George, Wilmington University Amber Hall, Office of Management and Budget Ron Hosterman, Department of Correction Rochelle Mason, Professional Member John Mucha, Professional Member Wanda Pfieffer, OMB

### **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

# **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Pat Bailey, AFSCME Council 81
Amy Bonner, Office of Management and Budget
Mark Farley, DSCYF
Kerry Ferriter, Office of the Public Defender
Ray Fitzgerald, Department of Health and Social Services
Vicky Kelly, Division of Family Services
Gail Levinson
Dr. Marlene Saunders, Delaware State University

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Scott-Cobb called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

# **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Legislative Committee reviewed the November 18, 2013, minutes for approval. Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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# Continued Discussion Regarding Proposed Statutory Revisions and Input from Stakeholders

The Legislative Committee continued their discussion regarding the proposed draft. Mr. Hosterman requested clarification from the Board members regarding the exemption on page 6 of the draft. Ms. George voiced her concerns regarding the definition of baccalaureate social work; she is concerned that the definition may impede graduates of Wilmington University from obtaining employment.

Ms. Boyd advised the Committee that the Kid's Department contracts with private providers to offer services, and it could be a potential issue if the contractors do not meet licensure requirements.

Ms. Pfieffer reported that the Office of Management and Budget has had the opportunity to meet with some state agencies and are scheduled to meet with other agencies. They are in the process of identifying what positions will and will not be affected with the proposed draft.

Ms. Kelly suggested that if Committee members felt that the definitions were too broad, that they submit suggestions for consideration. She voiced the importance of other stakeholders attending the Committee meetings, as the majority of the current attendees represent the State of Delaware.

The Committee began discussing potential exemptions for specific job titles, such as probation and parole officers, correctional counselors, and case managers.

Ms. Pfieffer stated that currently less than five percent of state employees will be affected with the proposed statute, but the Office of Management and Budget has yet to meet with the Kid's department. The Office of Management and Budget will prepare a list of state employees who will and will not be affected with the proposed changes and will present it during the next Committee meeting. The Office of Management and Budget will need to research specific sections of the proposal to ensure that the draft is in compliance with the merit rules.

#### OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

There was no other business before the Committee.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on February 17, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Ms. Scott-Cobb, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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